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SUBJ: KUWAIT PURCHASE OF SUDANESE COTTON

REF: STATE 188708

1. EMBASSY HAS INQUIRED REGARDING LARGE PURCHASE SUDANESE COTTON DESCRIBED REFTEL AT GULF INTERNATIONAL GROUP AND AT AFRO-ARAB COMPANY FOR INVESTMENT AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE (AFARCO). AFARCO IS RELATIVELY NEW COMPANY LARGELY OWNED BY GOK WHICH ALREADY ACTIVE IN COMMODITY TRADING ESPECIALLY IN AFRICA.

2. KHALIL OSMAN PRESENTLY NOT IN KUWAIT BUT GULF INTERNATIONAL GROUP OFFICER, MAMOUN, TOLD EMBOFF HE WAS UNAWARE OF TRANSACTION. HE PROMISED TO TRY TO GET MORE DETAILS FROM KHARTOUM BUT SO FAR HAS NO INFORMATION FOR US

3. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT DEAL DESCRIBED REFTEL MAY INVOLVE AFARCO. COMPANY MANAGING DIRECTOR, MOHAMMED GHANEM NOT IN KUWAIT BUT EXPECTED TO RETURN SEPT 13. AFARCO DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION NABIL SHOHDY, TOLD EMBOFF OVER TELEPHONE HE BELIEVES AFARCO MAY BE INVOLVED IN SUCH A DEAL BUT HE UNABLE
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TO GIVE DETAILS AT THIS TIME.

4. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PURCHASE OF SUDANESE COTTON AND WILL REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO DEPARTMENT. IN MEANTIME, SUGGEST CONGRESSMAN BROYHILL'S CONSTITUENT, JOHN POWERS, INQUIRE DIRECTLY AT AFARCO (TELEPHONE: 423-382; CABLE: AFARCO; TELEX: AFARCO 2081; PO BOX 5024). BELIEVE THAT DIRECT QUERY FROM POWERS LIKELY TO RESULT IN QUICK RESPONSE. STOLTZFUS

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